



Program Manager Assembled
Chemical Weapons Alternatives

Information

Biography: William J. Pehlivanian

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ACWA Deputy Program Manager

William J. Pehlivanian is the Deputy Program Manager for the Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives Program (ACWA), headquartered at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

In January 1997, Mr. Pehlivanian was selected as the Deputy Program Manager for ACWA. From 1997 to 2002, he was responsible for directing efforts to identify and demonstrate alternative technologies to the existing baseline incineration technology.

In 2002, the Department of Defense selected alternative technologies for destruction of chemical weapons stockpiles in Colorado and Kentucky. Mr. Pehlivanian is currently responsible for all activities associated with chemical weapons destruction at both sites.

Mr. Pehlivanian previously worked for the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Environmental Security. His responsibilities included implementation of the proposed Military Munitions Rule, coordinating efforts for all military services regarding the Military Range Rule and its focal point for all chemical demilitarization issues. He also served as Chemical Demilitarization Special Assistant for the Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, Chemical/Biological Matters. His duties included



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oversight and development of the Chemical Stockpile Destruction Concept Plan, outlining regulatory requirements and technical parameters necessary to safely destroy stockpiled chemical weapons. Prior to his work with the office of the Secretary of Defense, Mr. Pehlivanian worked within the Environmental Management Directorate of the U.S. Air Force, Air Education and Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, TX.

A native of New Jersey, Mr. Pehlivanian holds a bachelor's degree in Environmental Engineering Technology from Temple University.

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